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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : William Butler Cowden et al.
Application No. : 09/142,597
Filed : September 10, 1998
For : USE OF *COXIELLA* BACTERIA TO TREAT
AUTOIMMUNE DISEASE

Examiner : S. Devi, Ph.D.
Art Unit : 1641
Docket No. : 120081.403
Date : May 5, 2000

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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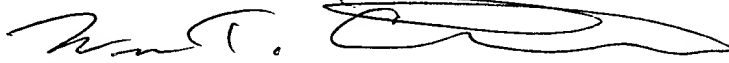
In response to the Restriction Requirement dated January 5, 2000, please extend the period of time for response three months, to expire on May 5, 2000. Enclosed are a Petition for an Extension of Time and the requisite fee. Also enclosed is an Appointment of Associate Power of Attorney for William T. Christiansen, Ph.D. as well as a General Authorization.

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated January 5, 2000, applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 1-8 and 15-21, which are drawn to a therapeutic composition comprising a species of *Coxiella* or one or more antigenic components therefrom and a method of preventing, inhibiting, delaying onset of or otherwise ameliorating effects of autoimmune disease, for examination at this time.

In view of the above election, applicants hereby cancel claims 9-14 and 22-28 without prejudice to the filing of any divisional, continuation, or continuation-in-part application. Consideration of the elected claims is now requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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